

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/801,322

Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to November 24, 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-8, 13 and 19-34.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 16 March 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 3/16, 5/27, 9/10, 11/17 (2004)
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.


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1. This action is in response to the amendment of the US Application No. 10/801,322 filed November 24, 2004. Claims 1-8, 13, 19-34 are pending.

Response to Amendment

2. It has been noted that claims 1 has been amended, claims 9-12, 14-18 cancelled, and claims 24-34 added.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-8, 13, 19-34 are allowed over the prior art of record.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

4. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with John Tuntunjian on January 5, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

Page 3, claim 1, lines 12-13, the words "said controller information including control signals for activating said vibrating member" have been inserted between the word 'controller,' and '; and',

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Page 5, claim 13, line 1, the words "according to claim 9" have been deleted and the words "according to claim 1" have been added.

Page 6, claim 23, lines 2-3, the word "internal" between the words 'activating said' and 'vibration' has been deleted.

Page 6, claim 24, line 12, "; and " has been deleted and the group of words ", said controller information including control signals for activating said vibrating member" have been inserted between the word 'controller' and '; and'.

Page 8, claim 34, line 2, the word "internal" between the words 'activating said' and 'vibration' has been deleted.

In the Specification:

Page 2, 1st paragraph, line 2, the words "*now US Patent No. 6,719,633*" have been inserted between the words "November 8, 2000," and "which is a continuation-in-part of US Patent ".

Page 2, 1st paragraph, line 3, the words "now US Patent 6,280,327" have been deleted and the word "*abandoned*" has been inserted.

Reasons for Allowance

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: upon extensive searches of wireless game control units, the Examiner respectfully submits that the prior art of record fails to disclose a wireless controller unit comprising: a console interface connected to the game console via at least one of the game controller ports and having wireless receiver circuitry for receiving the game information from the

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game controller, said console interface including wireless transmitter circuitry for wirelessly transmitting controller information to the game controller” as recited in independent claim 1 and “ a console interface directly connected to the game console without wires via at least one of the game controller ports and having wireless receiver circuitry for receiving the game information from the game controller, said console including wireless transmitter circuitry for wirelessly transmitting controller information to the game controller, said controller information including control signals for activating said vibrating member” as recited in independent claim 24. Hence, the Examiner has allowed claims 1-8, 13, 19-34.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Conclusion


6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yveste G. Cherubin whose telephone number is (571) 272-4434. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30 - 6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thai Xuan can be reached on (571) 272-7147. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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